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By electronic filing:

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Ex Parte Presentation**
CG Docket No. 98-67

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 7, Nancy Bloch of the National Association of the Deaf, Cheryl Heppner of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consumer Advocacy Network, Paul Singleton of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Government, and Claude Stout of the Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc. met with Chairman Michael Powell. Also present was K. Dane Snowden, Chief of the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau.

There was a review of the FCC summit on IP-enabled services and then the meeting focused on Video Relay Services (VRS). A particular emphasis was on the meaning of Functional Equivalence and how VRS has enabled many deaf and hard of hearing people to experience "a normal conversation on the phone" with anyone, either a person with a disability or a person without a disability.

Sincerely,

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